

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting head for a brush cutter, edge trimmer or similar, the head being of the type including a passage for a cutter string (300) and a moving movable locking element (400) for locking the string, suitable for locking the string between itself and a backing wall, the head being characterized in that the locking element presents a section in a direction extending transversely to the string that presents at least one indentation recess (403), with contact being made between the locking element and the string at least on either side of the indentation recess.

2. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) includes arrangements (404) for gripping the string.

3. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 2, characterized in that the gripping arrangements comprise teeth (404).

4. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element includes a longitudinal groove (403).

5. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents a rounded section.

6. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents an angular section.

7. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 6, characterized in that the groove presents a rectangular section.

8. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 4, characterized in that the groove is of width smaller than the width of the string (300).

9. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) is of section substantially complementary to the section of the string.

10. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents a V-shaped section.

11. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents a circularly arcuate section.

12. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) comprises a cam.

13. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) comprises a shoe that is movable in translation.

14. (Previously Presented) A vegetation cutting device such as a brush cutter, edge trimmer or similar, characterized in that it includes a cutting head according to claim 1 and a motor suitable for driving said head in rotation.